

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1-3, 5 and 10; cancel claims 11-13, 15 and 17-25; and add new claims 26-42, as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A composition ~~, comprising~~
~~a derivatized collagen, having~~ a concentration of ~~said derivatized~~
~~collagen, in said composition~~ concentration of collagen being at
least equal to 300 mg/ml but not more than 800 mg/ml ~~, said~~
~~derivatized collagen having a functional group.~~

2. (Currently Amended) A composition in accordance with
claim 1, wherein said collagen is derivatized with a functional
~~group includes~~ COO⁻ functional group.

3. (Currently Amended) A composition in accordance with
claim ~~1~~ 2, wherein said ~~functional group includes~~ collagen is
further derivatized with an SH⁻ functional group.

4. (Original) A composition in accordance with claim 1,
wherein said concentration is within a range of 400mg/ml to 800
mg/ml.

5. (Currently Amended) A composition in accordance with
claim 2, wherein a pH associated with said ~~liquid, gel or solid~~
composition is in a range of 6.8 to 7.8.

6. (Original) A composition in accordance with claim 1,
further comprising an antibacterial agent.

7. (Original) A composition in accordance with claim 1, further comprising water.

8. (Original) A composition in accordance with claim 1, wherein said composition is biodegradable.

9. (Original) A composition in accordance with claim 1, further comprising material selected from the group of collagen fibrils, fibers or fiber bundles.

10. (Currently Amended) A composition in accordance with claim 9, wherein a concentration of said material is ~~at least equal to 50 mg/ml~~ within a range of 1%-30%.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Original) A composition in accordance with claim 1, wherein said composition is a gel.

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Original) A composition in accordance with claim 1, wherein said composition is a liquid.

17. (Cancelled)

18. (Cancelled)

19. (Cancelled)

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21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled)

23. (Cancelled)

24. (Cancelled)

25. (Cancelled)

26. (New) A composition having a concentration of derivatized collagen, said concentration of collagen being at least equal to 300 mg/ml but not more than 800 mg/ml, said derivatized collagen being derivatized with both COO^- and SH^- functional groups.

27. (New) A composition in accordance with claim 26, wherein said concentration is within a range of 400mg/ml to 800 mg/ml.

28. (New) A composition in accordance with claim 26, wherein a pH associated with said composition is in a range of 6.8 to 7.8.

29. (New) A composition in accordance with claim 26, further comprising an antibacterial agent.

30. (New) A composition in accordance with claim 26, further comprising water.

31. (New) A composition in accordance with claim 26, wherein said composition is biodegradable.

32. (New) A composition in accordance with claim 26, further comprising material selected from the group of collagen fibrils, fibers or fiber bundles.

33. (New) A composition in accordance with claim 32, wherein a concentration of said material is within a range of 1% to 30%.

34. (New) A composition in accordance with claim 26, wherein said composition is a gel.

35. (New) A composition in accordance with claim 26, wherein said composition is a liquid.

36. (New) A tissue adhesive, comprising:
a composition having a concentration of collagen, said concentration of collagen at least equal to 300 mg/ml, but not more than 800 mg/ml.

37. (New) A tissue adhesive in accordance with claim 36, wherein said collagen is derivatized with a COO^- functional group.

38. (New) A tissue adhesive in accordance with claim 37, wherein said collagen is further derivatized with an SH^- functional group.

39. (New) A tissue adhesive in accordance with claim 36, wherein said concentration is within a range of 400mg/ml to 800 mg/ml.

40. (New) A tissue adhesive in accordance with claim 36, wherein a pH associated with said composition is in a range of 6.8 to 7.8.

41. (New) A tissue adhesive in accordance with claim 36, further comprising an antibacterial agent.

42. (New) A tissue adhesive in accordance with claim 36, further comprising material selected from the group of collagen fibrils, fibers or fiber bundles.